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**Members of Interpen Training Squad Leave Base in Miami**  
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## 10 Captives Today Get The Word

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He would not elaborate on the statement.

But they were still trying, and announced they did not blame the United States for their predicament.

Hooker, executive secretary of the Tractors for Freedom Committee, reported that leading members of the group — including Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Walter Reuther and Dr. Milton Eisenhower — have been in communication with each other.

One of the problems in reaching a decision has been that each of the prominent committee members is in a different city.

Hooker rushed to Key West Saturday when the prisoners arrived aboard a small Costa Rican freighter. He has had repeated conversations with the prisoners.

The Nashville attorney said the prisoners asked him to tell the press that they did not intend to lay the blame for their predicament on the United States, as reported earlier.

It had been published that the feeling of the prisoners was that since the United States supported the abortive invasion, it was up to the United States to get them out of Castro's jails.

"They are only interested in how to get out of Cuba and not how they got in," Hooker commented.

Hooker further maintained that the prisoners had no intention to further Castro's propaganda devices by telling his side of the barter deal.

## Anti-Castroites Drill Here Again

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middle of the street, which is located in a quiet lower middle class area.

"We don't know what to make of it," one elderly couple remarked. "We told the police, but they say there is nothing they can do."

Patrick denies he is violating any U.S. neutrality laws — at least so far.

The climax of Interpen's training is parachute jumping at an abandoned South Florida airfield. Patrick, a former Marine with several jumps to his credit, hires a skydiving instructor and rents a light plane at seven dollars an hour for the exercises.

During jumping drills last Saturday at the airfield, sheriff's patrol officers looked on but made no attempt to interfere. Patrick insists he and his men are practicing civil defense.

Of the eight or nine men who participated in the exercise, many were making their first jump, yet they displayed no sign of nervousness.

"I'd rather get it over with fast than die slowly," one member commented matter-of-factly.

Patrick says his group is self-supporting (some of his troops work part-time, and others write home for money) and receives no official help from the outside. It is, however, part of the International Anti-Communist Brigade, which belongs to the Junta Revolucionaria de Liberacion Nacional, headed by exile leader Sanchez Arango.

Interpen has about 100 mem-

bers, including some at bases in California and up North, according to Patrick.

When members of the unit were asked why they had volunteered, they first gave the customary reply: "To fight communism."

Later they conceded they are "looking for adventure," or "just like soldiering."

Some feel like Joe Gorman, of Kentucky. "I'd rather be shot to death than bored to death," he remarked.

Patrick maintains that Castro can only be whipped by hit-and-run commando warfare.

Another anti-Castro band of Americans in Miami is led by Vic Hannard, a former registered agent for Castro who went over to the other side. Smaller than Interpen, Hannard's group is called Freedom Fighters of America and is quartered at 955 W. Flagler St.

Mutual dislike exists between the two groups, but thus far there has been no open hostility.

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## 'Let Cuban Exiles Tell About Reds'

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nicians not only in this country, but in Latin nations which may have a critical need for their talents.

A Spanish-speaking teacher and refugee expert, Antonio Micocci, was hired last week to



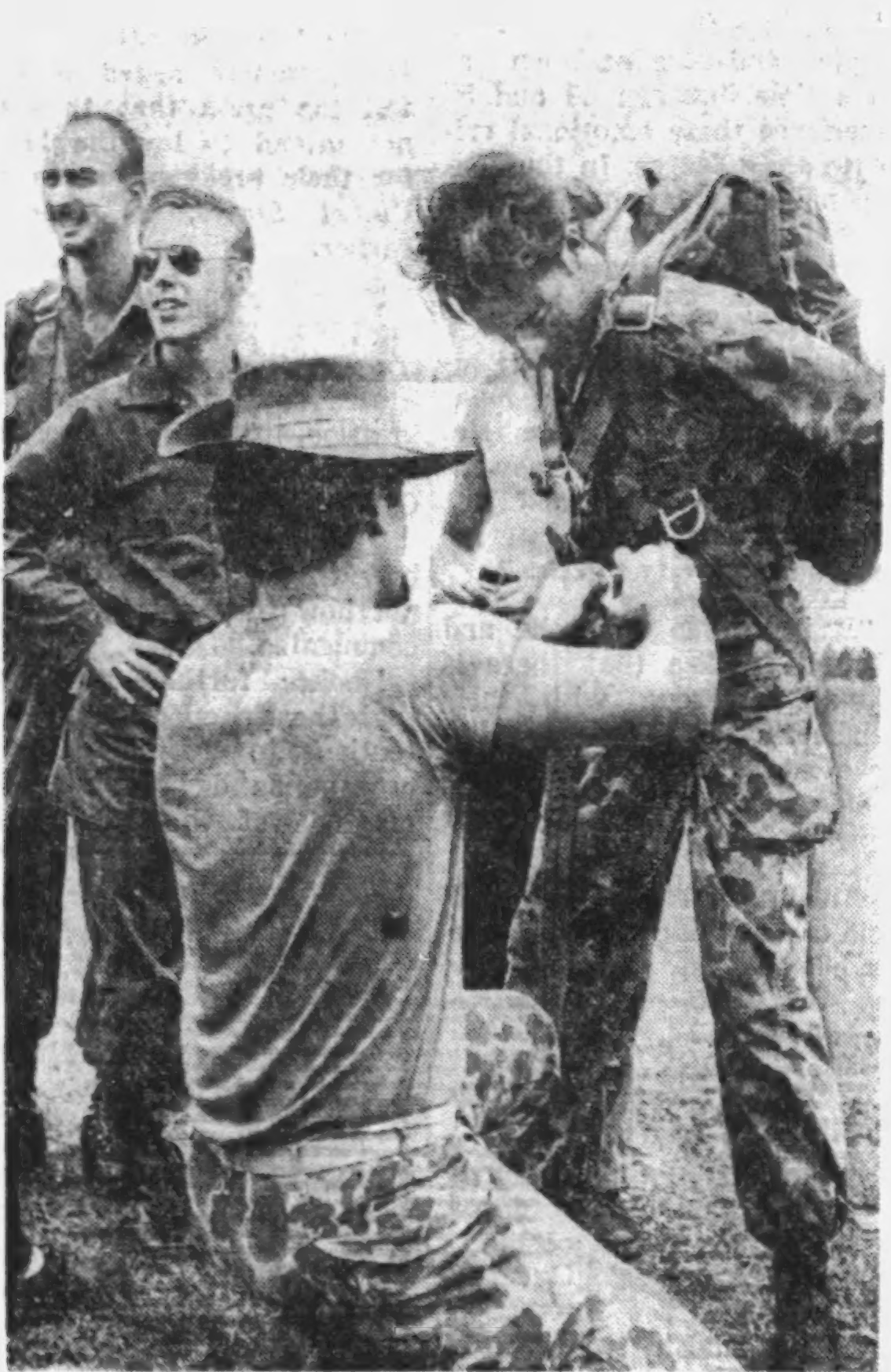
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## Instructor Jerry Patrick, Left, Coaches Volunteer on Handling Parachute

*... men get their air drop training on private field north of Miami*





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## 'Chutist Learns How to Fasten Gear

*... Patrick prepares every man personally*



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**Jumper Makes Perfect Landing in Field**  
*... target was laid out in advance*



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